

HOUSE BILL 1608

By Matlock

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,  
Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to public records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(g)

(1) No later than July 1, 2018, every county and municipal governmental entity subject to this section shall establish a written public records policy properly adopted by the appropriate governing authority. The public records policy shall not impose requirements on those requesting records that are more burdensome than state law and shall include:

(A) The process for making requests to inspect public records or receive copies of public records and a copy of any required request form;

(B) The process for responding to requests, including redaction practices;

(C) A statement of any fees charged for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment; and

(D) The name or title and the contact information of the individual or individuals within such governmental entity designated as the public records request coordinator.

(2) All state governmental entities shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (g). Such rules shall be promulgated in accordance

with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in chapter 5 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.